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Mr. Eric Newman
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**Re: Progress Report 5/18/96 through 5/31/96
Response Action Plan Implementation
Halby Chemical Superfund Site
Wilmington, DE**

Dear Mr. Newman:

In accordance with Section 8.7 of the Administrative Order for Removal Response Action (EPA Docket No. III-95-55-DC) for the Halby Chemical Site, Witco hereby submits a list of activities conducted from 18 May 1996 through 31 May 1996 and a list of planned activities for the next reporting period.

Activities Conducted during this Reporting Period

1. All Trillium data validation packages for samples collected between August 1995 and January 1996 have been received and reviewed. Tables and maps are being revised accordingly to incorporate data revisions made by Trillium.
2. Preparation of the Response Action Report (RAR) has continued.
3. Treatability testing by Fahrenthold & Associates and ECD continued in the New Mexico laboratory. Progress reports for the Treatability testing will be sent under separate cover.
4. Preparation of the waste classification report was continued.
5. Evaluation of waste remedial/removal options was continued.
6. An inspection of the site and piles was made on 29 May 1996. The soil piles were partially exposed and plans are in progress to recover them.

Planned Activities for the Next Reporting Period

1. Tables and maps will continue to be revised accordingly to incorporate data revisions made by Trillium.
2. Preparation of the RAR will continue.
3. Investigation of treatment methods for on-site soils will continue. Contractors will continue to be interviewed for future remedial activities.

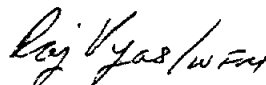
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4. The treatability study by Fahrenthold & Associates will continue.
5. USEPA to notify Witco of meeting status regarding site-related wetlands issues. After meeting, wetlands delineation will commence.
6. Preparation of the waste classification report will continue. The text of the waste classification report will be incorporated into the RAR.
7. Evaluation of waste remedial/removal options will continue.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

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